

STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR
REGARDING PAY RAISES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

With the Senate action today, the Legislature has overwhelmingly passed a pay raise and realignment plan for state employees that is reasonable and affordable. The plan is similar to one I outlined in my State of the State address and my budget recommendation, and I congratulate members of the Legislature on reaching consensus on this important issue. I hope we can continue to work together on a responsible budget that will allow for an additional pay raise for state employees next year.